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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TRAILER HITCH SECURITY DEVICE, the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☐ with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. If this is a continuation-in-part application filed under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. § 120 which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application, I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. agent named herein to accept and follow instructions as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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